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In accordance with Applicant's continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) JP Patent No. 10225116;
- (2) JP Patent No. 200214252;
- (3) JP Patent No. 2002006967;
- (4) JP Patent No. 2000132248;
- (5) JP Patent No. 6217544;
- (6) JP Patent No. 62-46913; and
- (7) JP Patent No. 46-13427.

A listing on Form PTO-1449 is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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